

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA  
AUGUSTA DIVISION

KENNETH D. RICHARD,	)	
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Petitioner,	)	
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v.	)	CV 115-101
	)	
RICHMOND COUNTY SUPERIOR	)	
COURT,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

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**ORDER**

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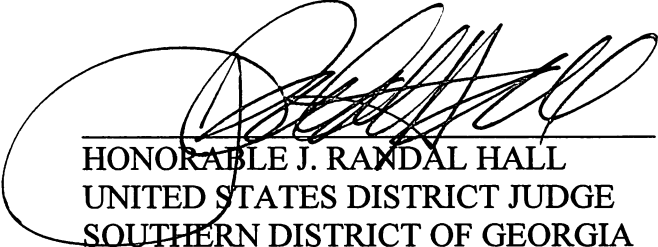
After a careful, *de novo* review of the file, the Court concurs with the Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation, to which no objections have been filed. Accordingly, the Court **ADOPTS** the Report and Recommendation of the Magistrate Judge as its opinion, **DENIES AS MOOT** Petitioner's motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* (doc. no. 2), and **DISMISSES** without prejudice the instant petition.

Whether Petitioner is seeking relief under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 or 28 U.S.C. § 2254, he must obtain a certificate of appealability ("COA") before appealing the denial of his application for a writ of habeas corpus. See Sawyer v. Holder, 326 F.3d 1363, 1364 n.3 (11th Cir. 2003) ("[S]tate prisoners proceeding under § 2241 must obtain a COA to appeal."); Rule 11(a) to the Rules Governing Section 2254 Proceedings ("[The Court] must issue or deny a certificate of appealability when it enters a final order adverse to the

applicant.”). This Court should grant a COA only if the prisoner makes a “substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right.” 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2). For the reasons set forth in the Report and Recommendation, and in consideration of the standards enunciated in Slack v. McDaniel, 529 U.S. 473, 482-84 (2000), Petitioner has failed to make the requisite showing. Accordingly, the Court **DENIES** a COA in this case.<sup>1</sup> Moreover, because there are no non-frivolous issues to raise on appeal, an appeal would not be taken in good faith, and Petitioner is not entitled to appeal *in forma pauperis*. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3).

Upon the foregoing, the Court **CLOSES** this civil action.

SO ORDERED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2015, at Augusta, Georgia.



HONORABLE J. RANDAL HALL  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

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<sup>1</sup>“If the court denies a certificate, the parties may not appeal the denial but may seek a certificate from the court of appeals under Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 22.” Rule 11(a) to the Rules Governing Section 2254 Proceedings.